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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

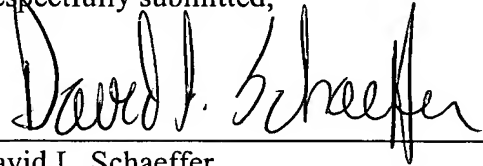
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO/SB/08A) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

An English abstract for the cited Japanese reference is also submitted herewith. In addition, it should be noted that cited US Patent Appln. Publn. 2002/0030710 is a counterpart to cited JP 2002-1991.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being cited in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), no fee is due. Nevertheless, should the Commissioner deem any fee to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge that fee, as well as any other fees which may hereafter be due, to Deposit Account 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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